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For: SEMICONDUCTOR TESTING METHOD AND SEMICONDUCTOR
TESTING APPARATUS FOR SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES, AND PROGRAM
FOR EXECUTING SEMICONDUCTOR TESTING METHOD

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the Examiner's attention the document listed on attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the document listed on attached Form PTO-1449 and indicate that it was considered by making an appropriate notation on this form.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

The following are listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and are in a non-English language:

1. Japanese Patent Laid Open No. 57-4560
2. Japanese Patent Laid Open No. 62-286241

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the listed non-English language documents, an English-language abstract of each document is enclosed.

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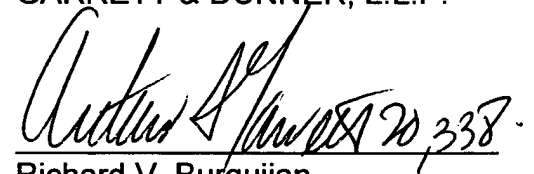
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Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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